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In re the Application of :
Jean-Marie BADOZ : Group Art Unit 3732
Application No. 10/049,349 :
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For a Patent for a :
ROOT CANAL INSTRUMENT SUCH AS :
A ROOT-CANAL REAMER AND METHOD :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This application is derived from International Application No. PCT/FR00/02162, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being cited in the Search Report issued during the international phase of the PCT application.

U.S. Patent

5,464,362 (Heath, et al.) - Issued: November 7, 1995

Foreign Documents

CH 670 756 A - Published: July 14, 1989

WO 99 43469 A - Published: September 2, 1999

WO 99 37235 A - Published: July 29, 1999

WO 97 21392 A - Published: June 19, 1997

A "Notice of Acceptance" issued in this matter on April 16, 2002, indicates that copies of these documents have already been received by the U.S. Patent Office. A PTO-1449 form has been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement to facilitate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the above-listed documents.

The following documents are also being submitted for consideration:

Foreign Documents

96 14347 (France) - Published: May 22, 1998


96 04987 (France) - Published: October 24, 1997

A photocopy of each document is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. A concise explanation of the relevance of each (non-English language) document may be had with reference to the background discussion of applicant's specification.

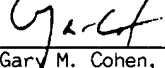
Consideration of these documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2), and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement and which additionally lists the documents.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide applicant with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of the documents listed.

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